

# *First Grade News*

It has been an exciting first couple weeks of school. Each week we will send home a newsletter to update you on what is happening in our classrooms. Please expect to see it in your child's backpack every Friday afternoon. If you have any questions or comments for us, please do not hesitate to see us before school or after school. If this is not convenient, please write us a note or call the school (860)647-3392 and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

## Reading:

This week we read the story, "Yum, Yum". In this story the Big Bad Wolf tried to trick the characters by inviting them to a picnic. Little did the wolf know that he was going to be tricked. We looked at the pictures before we read the story to gain understanding. We looked at the cover and the back cover to get an idea of what the story was about. Then we discussed the meaning of the story. We learned what a character is and about character traits. Please ask your child about the story.

## Writing:

We are almost finished practicing writing the upper case and lower case letters. It is very important that the students know to write these uppercase and lowercase letters correctly. We also began our writing program using "Writers Workshop". First we established the rules for Writer Workshop. Then we learned the three parts of a writing lesson (Mini lesson, independent writing, and writers round-up). Next, we learned what is expected while we are writing and sharing. Finally we modeled appropriate ways to share.

## Math:

This week in math we practiced tally marks and how to make them. The hard part was making the diagonal line for the fifth tally. Then we had to compare numbers and tell which number is greater. We gave reasons why it was greater. We learned how to order 3 numbers from least to greatest. We also reviewed Patterning and printing our numbers correctly. We are practicing these activities to make sure that we understand numbers and what they represent.

## Notes:

- If you have not already sent in the Early Dismissal pink paper, then please send it in as soon as possible. Thank You!
- Remember when we have Gym, please make sure that your child is wearing sneakers and is dressed appropriately to run around.
- Some of the families having been asking about homework. First grade starts homework at the end of the month.
- *Thank you to all of the families that were able to come in for "Open House". It was great meeting all of you.*
- Thank you for the "Box Tops for Education" you sent in. Please keep sending them in. We want our class to collect the most.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to see us or call and leave me a message at 647-3392.

Thank You,

Mr. Carabillo  
Mrs. Medynski  
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